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**Idaho Milk Production up 12.3 Percent**

Idaho milk production during November 2005 totaled 838 million pounds, a 12.3 percent increase from the same month last year, and down 41 million pounds from October 2005, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised production for October 2005 totaled 879 million pounds, down 5 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 12.5 percent above October 2004. Average milk production per cow in November 2005 was 1,780 pounds, a 60 pound increase from November 2004, and 90 pounds less than October 2005. The average number of milk cows during November was 471,000 head, up 1,000 head from October 2005 and up 37,000 head from November 2004.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from November 2004. October revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 4.0 percent from October 2004. The October revision represented a decrease of 17 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,590 pounds for November, 59 pounds above November 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 60,000 head more than November 2004, and 2,000 head more than October 2005.

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